

What is claimed is:

1. A commodity order issuing and accepting method, comprising:

a step that an order issuer side requests a first electronic document having first input fields for order issuer information and for commodity order issuance information except for an order issuer's payment date to an order accepter side;

5 a step that said order accepter side transmits said first electronic document to said order issuer side;

10 a step that said order issuer side inputs said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date to said first input fields;

15 a step that said order issuer side transmits said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date to said order accepter side;

a step that said order accepter side retrieves a transaction condition corresponding to said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date;

20 a step that said order accepter side transmits a second electronic document on which said transaction condition is described and which has a second input field for said order issuer's payment date to said order issuer side;

a step that said order issuer side inputs said order issuer's payment

date to said second input field; and

a step that said order issuer side transmits said order issuer's payment date to said order accepter side.

5 2. The commodity order issuing and accepting method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

a step that said order accepter side calculates a reduced price corresponding to said transaction condition and said order issuer's payment date.

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3. The commodity order issuing and accepting method as set forth in claim 2, further comprising:

a step that said order accepter side transmits a third electronic document on which said reduced price is described and which has means for inputting an authentication to said order issuer side;

a step that said order issuer side activates said means for inputting the authentication; and

a step that said order issuer side transmits information representing that said means for inputting the authentication has been activated to said order accepter side.

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4. A commodity order issuing and accepting system, comprising:

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- means for requesting a first electronic document having first input fields for order issuer information and for commodity order issuance information except for an order issuer's payment date from an order issuer side to an order accepter side;
- 5 means for transmitting said first electronic document from said order accepter side to said order issuer side;
- means for inputting said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date to said first input fields on said order issuer side;
- 10 means for transmitting said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date from said order issuer side to said order accepter side;
- means for retrieving a transaction condition corresponding to said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date on said order accepter side;
- 15 means for transmitting a second electronic document on which said transaction condition is described and which has a second input field for said order issuer's payment date from said order accepter side to said order issuer side;
- 20 means for inputting said order issuer's payment date to said second input field on said order issuer side; and
- means for transmitting said order issuer's payment date from said

order issuer side to said order accepter side.

5. The commodity order issuing and accepting system as set forth in
claim 4, further comprising:

5 means for calculating a reduced price corresponding to said
transaction condition and said order issuer's payment date on said order
accepter side.

10 6. The commodity order issuing and accepting system as set forth in
claim 5, further comprising:

means for transmitting a third electronic document on which said
reduced price is described and which has means for inputting an
authentication from said order accepter side to said order issuer side;

15 means for activating said means for inputting the authentication on
said order issuer side; and

means for transmitting information representing that said means for
inputting the authentication has been activated from said order issuer side
to said order accepter side.

20 7. A commodity order accepting apparatus, comprising:

means for receiving a request for a first electronic document having
first input fields for order issuer information and for commodity order

issuance information except for an order issuer's payment date from an order issuer side,

means for transmitting said first electronic document to said order issuer side;

5 means for receiving said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date which have been input to said first input fields on said order issuer side from said order issuer;

10 means for retrieving a transaction condition corresponding to said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date;

means for transmitting a second electronic document on which said transaction condition is described and which has a second input field for said order issuer's payment date to said order issuer side;

15 means for receiving said order issuer's payment date which have been input to said second input field on said order issuer side from said order issuer side.

8. The commodity order accepting apparatus as set forth in claim 7,
20 further comprising:

means for calculating a reduced price corresponding to said transaction condition and said order issuer's payment date.

9. The commodity order accepting apparatus as set forth in claim 8,
further comprising:

means for transmitting a third electronic document on which said
5 reduced price is described and which has means for inputting an
authentication to said order issuer side; and
means for receiving information representing that said means for
inputting the authentication has been activated on said order issuer side
from said order issuer side.

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